Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Rating to colleges and universities

4024. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has decided to provide rating to all the universities/colleges across the country; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) At present, Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is voluntary. NAAC has so far accredited 140 universities and 3591 colleges in the country. To expeditiously cover a large number of institutions, the NAAC has adopted a new methodology with effect from 1st April, 2007.

Uniform education policy

4025. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has evolved a uniform policy in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this policy has been implemented fully; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As 'Education' is a subject on the Concurrent List of the Constitution, it is the shared responsibility of both the Central and State Governments.

The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) provides for a National System of Education, which implies that up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It also accords priority for improvement of the standard of education at all levels for children living in rural and urban areas.

(d) Does not arise.

Registration of corruption complaints

4026. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed a centralized system to register corruption related complaints against the Central educational institutions;